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Annual Reports

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Canterbury

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, OVERSEER OF POOR, ROAD AGENT, LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

ARTHUR G. BROWN
NORMAN A. BROWN CARL A. THUNBERG
Clerk of the Board, ROBERT L. MUDGETT

TOWN CLERK

SABIN N. GUERTIN

TOWN TREASURER

C. EMERY MORRILL

TAX COLLECTOR

ROBERT L. MUDGETT

ROAD AGENT

PHILIP K. STONE

AUDITORS

WALTER H. COMEE, JR. GEORGE M. GRACE

HEALTH OFFICER

RICHARD DICKSON

FIRE WARDEN

CHARLES GILMAN

LIBRARIAN

MARIAN TOWNSEND

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

NORMAN A. BROWN

SCHOOL BOARD

PAUL N. SCRIPTURE WALTER H. COMEE, JR.
LUCILLE KEELER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ALBERT A. VOGEL

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MARGERY J. RUGGLES, Treasurer BARBARA COMEE
JEANNE MALCOLM

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

CATHERINE DICKSON RAYMOND GLINES
BERNARD FINLAY

MODERATOR

CARL A. THUNBERG

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST

LUCILLE KEELER RAYMOND GLINES
CHARLES GILMAN

POLICE OFFICERS

WILLIAM COCHRANE HERBERT N. LAMPREY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief—ALBI D. CASS
First Deputy—COLIN M. HEATH
Sec.-Treas.—ROBERT V. LEE

BUDGET COMMITTEE

OLIVER FIFIELD LUCIEN HILDRETH
RAYMOND GLINES RALPH R. NOYES
GEORGE M. GRACE GEORGE D. PEVERLY
J. RALPH GRAHAM, JR. ALEXANDER STANDISH

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L. S.)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, and meet at 7:30 of the clock in the evening.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to give the selectmen authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of five (or seven) members with duties as set forth in Sections 1-15, Chapter 53, Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, as amended, to make a study of the Town's development and report to the Town appropriate recommendations for the promotion and maintenance of the Town's best development. The Board members shall consist of one Selectman and four (or six) other citizens appointed by the Selectmen, as provided in Sections 1-15, Chapter 53, Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, as amended.

5. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Building Regulations as printed in this report and as authorized under Section 1721, inclusive, Chapter 176, Revised Laws of New Hampshire, 1942.

6. To see if the town will vote $2,500 from available funds and raise and appropriate $1,000 additional to rebuild bridge over Pickard Brook.

7. To see if the town will authorize the board of selectmen to sell, lease or otherwise transfer, at a public sale, any and all real property acquired by the town by tax collector's deed.

8. To see if the town will VOTE to raise and appropriate a sum of not more than Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) for the purchase of a properly equipped New Truck Chassis

to be installed under the Tank for the Fire Department. This sum to be financed over a period of (3) Three Years.

Given under our hands and seal, this twelfth day of Febuary, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

ARTHUR G. BROWN,
NORMAN A. BROWN,
CARL A. THUNBERG,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR G. BROWN,
NORMAN A. BROWN,
CARL A. THUNBERG,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

Estimates of revenue and expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954 inclusive, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year, 1953.

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Year 1954	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Interest & Div. Tax	$1,136.69	$1,100.00		$ 36.69
Railroad Tax	40.61	40.00		.61
Savings Bank Tax	287.38	125.00		162.38
Reimbursement State and Federal Forest Lands	12.60	10.00		2.60
Reimbursement for Loss of Tax on Growing Wood and Timber	1,647.84	1,647.00		.84
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
Dog Licenses	334.75	250.00		84.75
Business Lic., Permits, and Filing Fees	13.00	.....		13.00
Rent of Town Hall and Buildings	.....	400.00	400.00	
Interest on Taxes	262.77	225.00		37.77
Shakers' Gift	500.00	500.00		
Motor Veh. Permits	2,329.43	2,200.00		129.43
Sale of Town Property	89.70	50.00		39.70
Poll Taxes	544.00	544.00		
Prop. Taxes (Town)	15,243.48	15,703.49	450.01	
	$22,442.25	$22,794.49	$850.01	$507.77

Purposes of Expenditures	tures, Previous Actual Expendi- Year, 1953	Estimated Expenditures En- suing Year, 1954	Increase	Decrease
General Government:				
Town Officers' Sal.	$1,107.50	$1,175.00	$67.50	
Town Officers' Exp.	842.90	950.00	107.10	
Election & Registration	104.80	250.00	145.20	
Town Clerk's Fees	243.80	250.00	6.20	
Exp. Town Hall and Buildings	345.12	400.00	54.88	
Tax Collector's Fees	111.72	125.00	13.28	
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	.....	50.00	50.00	
Fire Department	500.00	500.00		
Forest Fires	200.00	200.00		
Blister Rust Control	400.00	400.00		
Insurance	991.76	600.00		391.76
Civil Defense	76.44	100.00	23.56	
Health:				
Concord Hospital	300.00	582.00	282.00	
Vital Statistics	13.50	20.00	6.50	
Town Dump Maintenance	70.50	50.00		20.50
Highways and Bridges:				
Bridge Repairs	676.31	700.00	23.69	
Town Rd. Maintenance—Summer	3,206.37	2,900.00		306.37
Town Rd. Maintenance—Winter	2,442.62	2,900.00	457.38	
Highway General Exp.	2,408.97	2,000.00		408.97
Town Garage Exp.	343.72	350.00	6.28	
Street Lighting	125.51	135.00	9.49	
Town Road Aid	916.08	666.63		249.45
Elkins Public Library:	500.00	450.00		50.00
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor	.....	100.00	100.00	
Old Age Assistance	892.89	1,200.00	307.11	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Old Home Day	25.00	25.00		
Veterans' Associations	35.00	35.00		
Cemeteries:	249.50	250.00	.50	
Unclassified:				
Dog Damage and Costs	26.22	25.00		1.22
Social Security	185.50	150.00		35.50
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans	75.00	100.00	25.00	
On Long Term Notes	134.00	229.50	95.50	
On Principal of Trust Funds Used by Town	52.50	50.00		2.50
New Equipment:				
New Plow	.....	700.00	700.00	
Truck Trade-In	.....	750.00	750.00	
Payment on Prin. of Debt:				
Grader Note	1,200.00	1,200.00		
County Taxes	2,226.36	2,226.36		
	$21,029.59	$22,794.49	$3,231.17	$1,466.27

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Land and Buildings		$601,440.00
Electric Line Properties	(3)	125,050.00
Horses	(29)	1,370.00
Cows	(261)	28,985.00
Other Neat Stock	(31)	2,560.00
Goats	(31)	280.00
Hogs	(16)	490 00
Fowls	(10,840)	10,840.00
Portable Mills	(2)	2,000.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		54,580.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	(7)	585.00
Stock in trade	(2)	4,300.00
Total Gross Valuation		$832,480.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions		39,310.00
Net Valuation		$793,170.00
Loss of School Tax Paying to Other Towns		638.20
Town Tax Rate	$1.92	
School Tax Rate	3.22	
	$5.14	

Town Property Tax	$15,252.98	
Poll Tax	544.00	
	$15,796.98	
School Tax	24,877.75	
	$40,674.73	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET REVENUE

Budget Items	Expected	Received
Interest and Dividend Tax	$1,128.58	$1,136.69
Railroad Tax	40.67	40.61
Savings Bank Tax	110.57	287.38
Reimbursement on Forest Lands	12.60	12.60
Reimbursement on Wood and Timber	1,647.84	1,647.84
Auto Permits	2,000.00	2,329.43
Dog Licenses	225.00	334.75
Sale of Tax Deed Property	89.70	89.70
Shakers' Gift	500.00	500.00
Filing Fees	.....	7.00
Rent of Town Buildings	42.00	30.00
Interest on Taxes	225.00	216.01
	$6,021.96	$6,632.01
Less Overlay	495.50	
Net Budget Revenue	$5,526.46	
Total Appropriations	$46,201.19	
Less Revenue as above	$5,526.46	
Less Poll Tax	544.00	6,070.46
Property Tax Assessed		$40,130.73
Town Tax	$15,252.98	
School Tax	24,877.75	
	$40,130.73	
Tax Rate	$5.14	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Approp.	Expend.
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,175.00	$1,107.50
Town Officers' Expense	750.00	842.90
Election and Registration	110.00	104.80
Town Clerk's Fees	250.00	243.80
Tax Collectors' Fees	.....	111.72
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	200.00	207.62
Grading Town Hall Grounds	150.00	137.50
Fire Department Operations	700.00	700.00
Blister Rust Control	400.00	400.00
Insurance	150.00	991.76
Civil Defense	100.00	76.44
Vital Statistics	20.00	13.50
Town Dump Maintenance	150.00	70.50
Summer Highway Maintenance	3,000.00	3,206.37
Winter Highway Maintenance	3,000.00	2,442.62
Bridge Repairs	.....	676.31
General Expense Highway Department	2,300.00	2,408.97
Town Garage Expense	350.00	343.72
Town Road Aid Appropriation	916.08	916.08
Street Lighting	110.00	125.51
Library Appropriation	500.00	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	892.89
Memorial and Old Home Days	60.00	60.00
Cemetery Care	275.00	249.50
Dog License Costs	25.00	26.22
Social Security	100.00	185.50
Concord Hospital Appropriation	300.00	300.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	85.00	75.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	121.50	134.00
Interest on Lake Trust Fund Note	.....	52.50
Police Department	50.00	.....
New Building—Sand Shed	500.00	.....

Truck Trade Reserve	750.00	.....
New Equipment—Payment on Grader	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Poor Relief	100.00	.....
County Tax	2,226.36	2,226.36
Town Totals	$21,323.94	$21,029.59
Canterbury Schools	24,877.75	23,945.37
	$46,201.69	$44,974.96

NON-BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES

Sam W. Lake Residence Costs	$1,407.64
Sam W. Lake Residence Water Installation	1,785.79
Fire House Construction	1,229.12
Fire Department (Balance 1952 Appropriation)	157.25
Bounties	55.50
Class V Highways	2,312.96
Grader Cost—Covered by Notes Payable	10,800.00
Road Agent Revolving Funds	1,100.00
Yield Tax Excess Refund to State	131.75
State Head Tax Paid to State	2,150.33
Refunds	43.85
Taxes Bought by Town	715.12
Notes Payable	10,500.00
Non-Budgetary Expenditures	$32,389.31
Budget Expenditures	44,974.96
Total Expenditures	$77,364.27

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$21,575.12	
Cash in hands of Road Agent	600.00	
Capital Reserve Funds:		
(For the acquisition of equipment and new construction)		
(a) New Sand Shed	500.00	
(b) New Truck Payment	750.00	
Due from State of New Hampshire:		
(a) Bounties	52.25	
(b) Reimbursement for Tax on State Forest Lands	12.65	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1952	343.78	
Levy of 1951	596.11	
Levy of 1950	76.22	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1953	7,604.31	
Levy of 1952	1.00	
Levy of 1953 State Head Taxes	415.00	
Levy of 1952 State Head Taxes	5.00	
	$32,531.44	
Excess of liabilities over assets	5,717.61	
		$38,249.05

Liabilities

Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:	
New Fire House Conctruction	15.36
Sam W. Lake Trust Income	64.00

Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	2,003.44	
Due to State of New Hampshire:		
1953 Head Taxes Uncollected	415.00	
1953 Head Taxes oCllected, Not Remitted to State Treasurer	323.50	
Due to School District:		
Balance of Appropriation	19,877.75	
Capital Reserve Funds	1,250.00	
Note Payable, Grader Purchased 1953	10,800.00	
Note Payable, For New Fire House (Payable from S. Lake Trust Income)	3,500.00	
		$38,249.05
Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1952	3,376.14	
Net Debt, Dec. 31, 1953	5,717.61	
	$9,093.75	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$3,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	300.00
Library, land and building	8,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,500.00
Fire Department Building	3,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	3,000.00
Highway Department, land & building	13,500.00
Equipment	25,000.00
Materials and Supplies	250.00
Schools, land and buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	1,500.00
Sam Lake Residence, land & buildings	3,000.00
Pickard House, building	750.00

Town Dump, land & improvements	225.00	
Blacksmith Lot	100.00	
		$70,125.00
Land acquired through tax deeds:		
Charles Emery	$ 200.00	
Louis Kelso	250.00	
Elmer Twombly	100.00	
D. Wheeler	900.00	
Ida Chase	750.00	
Frank Hanson	1,000.00	
Wm. Dearborn	250.00	
Sylvia Glines	100.00	
Bertha Wheeler	50.00	
Enola Colby Estate	60.00	
Felix Laro Estate	165.00	
Harry Clough	100.00	
John R. Savage	50.00	
Mrs. C. L. Sanborn	50.00	
Arthur Rolfe Heirs	200.00	
G. Edward Stone	50.00	
		$4,275.00
		$74,400.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

DR.

Automobile Permits collected	$2,329.43	
Dog Licenses collected	334.75	
Filing Fees collected	7.00	
Advanced by Treasurer for Bounties	50.00	
		$2,721.18

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Automobile Permits	$2,329.43	
Dog Licenses	334.75	
Filing Fees	7.00	
Refund on Advance for Bounties	3.25	
Paid out for Bounties	46.75	
		$2,721.18

Fees paid to Sabin N. Guertin, Town Clerk:

Dog License Fees	$26.80
Vital Statistics Fees	13.50
Automobile Permit Fees	217.00
	$257.30

REPORT OF ARTHUR BUCHANAN
TAX COLLECTOR
Jan. 1, 1953 to March 14, 1953, Inclusive

PROPERTY TAX

DR.

Uncollected Property Tax, 1/1/53, as per Town Report	$7,585.31	
Less Adjustment, Chas. Walker Acct.	2.08	
Corrected Uncollected Prop. Tax, 1/1/53	7,583.23	
Uncollected Polls, Jan. 1, 1953	146.00	
Added Property Tax	15.36	
Added Poll Tax	2.00	
Interest Collected	27.29	
		$7,773.88

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property Tax Collected	$2,478.50	
Polls Collected	86.00	
Interest Collected	27.29	
Polls Abated	4.00	
Property Tax Uncollected, Mar. 14, 1953	5,120.09	
Polls Uncollected, Mar. 14, 1953	58.00	
		$7,773.88

YIELD TAX

DR.

Yield Tax Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1953	$1,870.13	
		$1,870.13

CR.

Yield Tax Collected, Remitted to Treas.	$118.22	
Yield Tax Uncollected, Mar. 14, 1953	1,751.91	
		$1,870.13

HEAD TAX

DR.

Head Tax Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1953	$ 425.00	
Penalties Collected	25.00	
		$ 450.00

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Head Tax Collected	$ 255.00	
Penalties Collected	25.00	
Head Tax Abated	5.00	
Head Tax Uncollected, Mar. 14, 1953	165.00	
		$ 450.00

UNREDEEMED TAXES, JAN. 1, 1953
(Unchanged Mch. 14, 1953)

DR.

	1951	1950
Abbie Coleman Heirs	$ 9.82	
Theodore Fife	32.70	
Harrison Sargent	20.96	
Walter Pickard	41.51	48.15
Carroll Colby	12.74	14.40
Joseph G. Colby	352.26	
Grover Gove	5.71	
Orton Humphrey	12.15	
Nellie Kenney	100.77	
Mrs. James Richards	5.12	
Nellie Stearns	12.16	13.67
B. A. Thompson	6.29	

John Giddings	9.22	
Herbert Lamprey		76.01
Lillian Reed		11.68
Herbert Pettes	7.40	
	$ 628.81	$ 163.91

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:	
Liens Collected ..... (None)	$ 00.00
Interest & Costs Collected ..... (None)	00.00
Liens Uncollected, Mch. 10, 1953	792.72

REPORT OF R. L. MUDGETT
TAX COLLECTOR
Close of Dec. 31, 1953

1953 PROPERTY TAX

Dr.

1953 Property Tax Assessed	$40,130.74
Added Tax	51.40
Interest Collected	3.45
	$40,185.59

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Tax Collected	$32,943.71	
Interest Collected	3.45	
	32,947.16	
Tax Abated	3.60	
Tax Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1953	7,234.83	
		$40,185.59

1952 PROPERTY TAX

DR.

1952 Property Tax Uncollected, Mch. 14, 1953		$ 5,120.09
1952 Added Tax		3.07
Interest Collected		131.17
Costs		82.35
		$ 5,336.68

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
1952 Tax Collected	$ 5,041.49	
1952 Interest Collected	131.17	
1952 Costs Collected	82.35	
	5,255.01	
Tax Abated	81.67	
		$ 5,336.68

1953 POLL TAX

DR.

1953 Poll Taxes Assessed	$ 544.00
1953 Poll Taxes Added	4.00
Interest Collected	.07
	$ 548.07

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Polls Collected	$ 418.00	
Interest Collected	.07	
	418.07	
Polls Uncollected	130.00	
		$ 548.07

1952 POLL TAX

DR.

1952 Polls Uncollected, Mch. 14, 1953		$ 58.00
1952 Added Polls		6.00
Interest Collected		.93
		$ 64.93

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Polls Collected	$ 46.00	
Interest Collected	.93	
	46.93	
Abated Poll Taxes	18.00	
		$ 64.93

1953 HEAD TAX

DR.

1953 Head Tax Assessed, First Warrant	$1,665.00
1953 Head Tax Added, Second Warrant	25.00
1953 Head Tax Penalties Collected	3.50
	$1,693.50

CR.

Remitted To Treasurer:		
Head Tax Collected	$1,255.00	
Penalties Collected	3.50	
	1,258.50	
Head Tax Abated	20.00	
1953 Head Tax Uncollected	415.00	
		$1,693.50

1952 HEAD TAX

Dr.

March 14, 1953, Head Tax Uncollected	$ 165.00
Added Tax	20.00
Penalties Collected	15.50
	$ 200.50

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Head Tax Collected	$ 155.00	
Penalties Collected	15.50	
	170.50	
Abatements	25.00	
Uncollected Tax, Dec. 31, 1953	5.00	
		$ 200.50

1953 YIELD TAX

Dr.

1953 Yield Tax Assessed	$3,853.01
1953 Yield Tax Added	4.06
	$3,857.07

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
1953 Yield Tax Collected	$3,543.55	
Yield Tax Abated	74.04	
Yield Tax Uncollected	239.48	
		$3,857.07

1952 YIELD TAX

Dr.

1952 Yield Tax Uncollected, Mch. 14, 1953	$1,751.91
1952 Yield Tax Interest Col., Mch. 14, 1953	41.19
	$1,793.10

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
1952 Yield Tax Collected	$1,736.91	
1952 Yield Tax Interest Col.	41.19	
	1,778.10	
1952 Yield Tax Uncollected	1.00	
Tax Abated	14.00	
		$1,793.10

TAX SALES ACCOUNT DECEMBER 31, 1953

Dr.

	1952	1951	1950
Taxes Sold to Town in 1953	$715.12		
Unredeemed Taxes, Jan. 1, 1953		628.81	163.91
Interest Collected	.69	.51	10.71
	$715.81	$629.32	$174.62

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer	$372.03	33.21	98.40
Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	343.78	596.11	76.22
	$715.81	$629.32	$174.62
Details of Unredeemed Taxes:			
Abbie Coleman Heirs	$ 6.45	9.82	
Walter Pickard	38.27	41.51	48.15
Harrison Sargent		20.96	
Carroll Colby	12.27	12.74	14.40
Joseph G. Colby		352.26	
Grover Gove		5.71	
Orton Humphrey	9.10	12.15	
Nellie Kenney		100.77	
Mrs. James Richards	5.40	5.12	
Nellie Stearns	11.76	12.16	13.67
B. A. Thompson	6.45	6.29	
John Giddings	6.45	9.22	

Herbert Pettes		7.40	
Donald Braley	5.91		
Harold W. Sargent, Jr.	17.05		
Ralph E. Brown	99.22		
W. H. Comee, Jr.	52.99		
Harold Cross	14.41		
Herbert N. Lamprey	58.05		
	$343.78	$596.11	$76.22

TREASURER'S REPORT

C. Emery Morill, Town Treasurer

Receipts

Arthur Buchanan, Tax Collector (See Tax Report)	$2,997.10
R. L. Mudgett, Tax Collector (See Tax Report)	45,921.46
From State of New Hampshire:	
Class V Highways	2,111.00
Interest and Dividend Tax	1,136.69
Savings Bank Tax	287.38
Railroad Tax	40.61
Loss of Tax on Forest Lands	12.60
Blister Rust Refund	43.20
Head Tax Refund	8.64
Social Security Refund	32.18
Old Age Assistance Refund	31.50
Porcupine Bounty Refund	16.25
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Driveway Snow Removal Service	80.00
Graveling and Grading Driveway Service	216.58
Auto Permit Tax	2,329.43
Dog Tax	334.75
Filing Fees	7.00
Town Histories Sold	30.00
Revolver Permits	5.50
Town of Northfield, Plowing Road	75.00
Canterbury Shakers, Gift	500.00
Donald Blanchard, Water Pump Sold	20.00
Cemetery Lots Sold	12.50
Land Sold (To George Nevau)	89.70
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., Refund	7.69
Sabin N. Guertin, Bounty Refund	3.25

Jackman and Lang Insurance Refund	118.51
Philip K. Stone, Revolving Fund Refund	500.00
Insurance for Sam Lake House Fire	1,363.90
National State Capital Bank, Sam W. Lake Trust Income	1,494.12
R. W. Collins, Rent Sam Lake House	380.00
Arthur Pickard, Rent	30 00
National State Capital Bank, for Grader Notes	10,800.00
National State Capital Bank, Temporary Loan	10,000.00
Total Receipts	$81,036.54
Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1953	17,902.85
	$98,939.39
Selectmen's Orders Paid	77,364.27
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1953	$21,575.12

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	$1,107.50
Town Officers' Expense	842.90
Election and Registration	104.80
Town Clerk's Fees	243.80
Tax Collector's Fees	111.72
Town Hall and Buildings	207.62
Grading Town Hall Grounds	137.50
Sam W. Lake Residence Expense	1,407.64
Sam W. Lake Residence, Water Installation	1,785.79
New Fire House Construction (1953)	1,229.12
Fire Department Appropriations	857.25
Blister Rust Control	400.00
Insurance	991.76
Bounties	55.50
Civil Defense	76.44
Vital Statistics	13.50
Town Pump	70.50

Highway Summer Maintenance	3,206.37
Highway Winter Maintenance	2,442.62
Class V Highways	2,312.96
Bridge Repairs	676.31
General Expense Highway Department	2,408.97
Town Garage Expense	343.72
Town Road Aid Appropriation	916.08
Street Lighting	125.51
Elkins Public Library Appropriation	500.00
Old Age Assistance	892.89
Memorial and Old Home Days	60.00
Cemetery Care	249.50
Dog License Costs	26.22
Social Security	185.50
New Equipment (Grader)	12,000.00
Concord Hospital Appropriation	300.00
Road Agent Revolving Funds	1,100.00
Yield Tax Excess Refund to State	131.75
State Head Tax Paid to State	2,150.33
Refunds	43.85
Taxes Bought by Town	715.12
Interest on Borrowed Funds	261.50
Notes Payable	10,500.00
County Tax	2,226.36
Schools	23,945.37
Total Payments	$77,364.27

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Arthur G. Brown, Selectman	$150.00	
Norman A. Brown, Selectman	150.00	
Carl A. Thunberg, Selectman	150.00	
C. Emery Morrill, Treasurer	150.00	
Sabin N. Guertin, Town Clerk (2 yrs.)	170.00	
R. L. Mudgett, Tax Collector	225.00	
R. L. Mudgett, Clerk of the Board	112.50	
		$1,107.50

Town Officers' Expenses

Hazen Printing Co., Town Reports and Stationery	$361.00	
G. H. Giles & Co., Postage and Supplies	99.53	
Arthur Buchanan, Bond Premiums	87.71	
Sargent Brothers, Tax Bills and Supplies	69.45	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Supplies	42.01	
Katherine Crowley, Register, Recording	33.53	
N. H. State Tax Commission, Assessing Cards	4.00	
Sabin N. Guertin, Postage and Supplies	8.81	
Wheeler and Clark, Rubber Stamps	3.67	
N. H. Tax Collectors' Assn., Dues	3.00	
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00	
N. H. Town Clerk's Assn., Dues	2.00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., Supplies	2.84	
First National Bank, Rubber Stamp	1.30	
Thompson & Hoague Co., Keys	1.05	
Arthur G. Brown, Assisting N. H. Assessors	68.00	
George D. Peverly, Assisting N. H. Assessors	52.00	
		$842.90

Election and Registration		
Raymond Glines, Supervisor Check List	$36.00	
Lucille Keeler, Supervisor Check List	12.00	
Charles Gilman, Supervisor Check List	12.00	
Ida S. Higgins, Ballot Clerk	19.20	
Herbert N. Lamprey, Ballot Clerk	19.20	
Albert Vogel, Ballot Clerk	6.40	
		$104.80
Town Clerk's Fees		
Automobile Permit Fees	$217.00	
Dog License Fess	26.80	
		$243.80
Tax Collector's Fees		
Arthur Buchanan, Fees	$30.80	
R. L. Mudgett, Fees	80.92	
		$111.72
Town Hall and Buildings		
Concord Electric Co., Electric Service	$32.49	
George D. Peverly, Wood	23.00	
Jackman & Lang, Inc., Liability Ins. Town Hall	50.00	
Page Belting Co., Supplies	18.54	
Raymond L. Fife, Cutting Lawn	28.50	
George A. Batchelder, Plumbing Repairs	27.00	
Eric Johanson, Repairs	6.09	
Richard Robinson, Repairs	9.50	
Herbert N. Lamprey, Janitor	12.50	
		$207.62
Grading Town Hall Grounds		
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Lawn Seed	$16.25	
Tilton Sand and Gravel, Inc., Gravel	6.00	
Philip K. Stone, Tractor Hire	8.00	
Philip K. Stone, Wages	62.25	
Arthur Pickard, Wages	45.00	
		$137.50

Sam W. Lake Residence Expense

Page Belting Co., Plumbing Supplies	$32.16	
Jackman & Lang, Inc., Liability Insurance	2.50	
R. A. Robinson, Work on Drain	9.00	
Concord Electric Co., Electric Current	3.98	
		47.64
James F. Guertin, Restoring Fire Damage	1,360.00	
		$1,407.64

Sam W. Lake Residence
Cost of Artesian Well and Water Installation

Tasker's Artesian Well Co., Well	$1,050.00	
Page Belting Co., Pump, Tank, Fittings	435.78	
W. F. Saben, Installing Pump, Tank, Fittings	154.30	
Keeler's Machine Shop, Electrical Work	31.46	
Philip K. Stone, Labor Ditching	47.25	
Henry Deos, Labor Ditching	30.00	
Arthur Pickard, Labor Ditching	37.00	
		$1,785.79

New Fire House — Construction

Concord Lumber Co., Materials	$88.48	
Henry E. King, Electrical Fixtures & Supplies	85.35	
George Batchelder, Septic Tank and Plumbing	192.25	
James F. Guertin, Clapboards	188.00	
James F. Guertin, Labor	19.07	
Keeler's Machine Shop, Furnace	490.00	
G. H. Giles & Co., Supplies	134.06	
Tilton Sand and Gravel, Inc., Gravel	12.45	
N. H. Explosives & Mach'y Co., Inc., Dynamite	1.46	
Philip K. Stone, Grading	10.00	
Arthur Pickard, Grading	8.00	
		$1,229.12

Fire Department

Robert V. Lee, Treas., 1953 Approp.	$500.00	
R. V. Lee, Treas., Forest Fire Bal. 1952 Approp.	157.25	
R. V. Lee, Treas., Forest Fire Bal. 1953 Approp.	195.60	
W. J. Cochrane, Fire Service	4.40	
		$857.25

Blister Rust Control

Wm. H. Messeck, Jr., State Forester Approp.	$400.00	
		$400.00

Insurance

Jackman & Lang., Payroll Insurance	$347.77	
A. Buchanan, Agent, on Grader	240.00	
A. Buchanan, Agent, Truck Floater Ins.	45.00	
A. Buchanan, Agent, Town Garage Fire Ins.	249.50	
A. Buchanan, Agent, Town Hall Fire Ins.	72.87	
National Grange Ins. Co., Truck Liability Ins.	36.62	
		$991.76

Bounties

Funds Advanced to S. N. Guertin, Town Clerk	$50.00	
Arthur G. Brown, Bounties Paid	2.00	
Carl A. Thunberg, Bounties Paid	1.50	
R. L. Mudgett, Bounties Paid	2.00	
		$55.50

Civil Defense

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone	$ 9.03
Concord Electric Co., Electric Service	14.74
James F. Guertin, Carpenter Work	12.00
Arthur Buchanan, Fire Insurance	6.80

Fox Hardware Co., Paint	4.62	
Concord Lumber Co., Wood	6.00	
Eric Johanson, Repairs	8.25	
Marguerite Stone, Binoculars	15.00	
		$76.44

Vital Statistics

Sabin N. Guertin, Town Clerk	$ 13 50	
		$13.50

Town Dump

Anton B. Nelson, Bulldozing	$30.00	
Philip K. Stone, Labor	19.50	
Arthur Pickard, Labor	13.00	
Henry Deos, Labor	8.00	
		$70.50

Highways
(See Highway Dept. Report)

Summer Maintenance	$3,206.37	
Winter Maintenance	2,442.62	
Class V Highways	2,312.96	
Bridge Repairs	676.31	
General Expense, Highway Dept.	2,408.97	
Town Garage Expense	343.72	
		$11,390.95

Town Road Aid

State of N. H., Appropriation	$916.08	
		$916.08

Street Lighting

Concord Electric Co., Electric Current	$125.51	
		$125.51

Elkins Public Library

Margery J. Ruggles, Treas., Approp.	$500.00	
		$500.00

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire, Payments	$892.89	
		$892.89

Memorial and Old Home Days

American Legion Post No. 31,

Memorial Day	$ 35.00	
Eva Schmidt, Treas., Old Home Day	25.00	
		$60.00

Cemetery Care

Philip K. Stone, Tractor-Mower Hire	$ 31.50	
Philip K. Stone, Wages	35.00	
Henry Deos, Wages	79.00	
Arthur Pickard, Wages	79.00	
Orville Fife, Wages	25.00	
		$249.50

Dog License Costs

Edson C. Eastman Co. Inc., Tags	$ 12.30	
Brown and Saltmarsh, Inc., Forms	6.42	
Hazen Printing Co., Printing Notices	7.50	
		$26.22

Social Security

State of N. H., Town's Share 1953 Wages	$ 83.10	
State of N. H., Town's Share 1952 Wages	102.40	
		$185.50

New Equipment

R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., New Adams Grader	$12,000.00	
		$12,000.00

Concord Hospital

Concord Hospital Appropriation	$300.00	
		$300.00

Road Agents Funds

Philip K. Stone, Advanced for Hwy. Payrolls	$600.00	
Philip K. Stone, Advanced for TRA Payrolls	500.00	
		$1,100.00

Yield Tax		
Excess Tax Paid to State of New Hampshire	$131.75	
		$131.75
State Head Tax		
State of N. H., 1952 Head Tax	$1,306.83	
State of N. H., 1953 Head Tax	843.50	
		$2,150.33
Refunds		
A. Buchanan, Tax Col., Over-payment	$ 2.08	
Sadie Lavery on 1952 Tax	26.35	
Albert P. Hanson on 1953 Tax	15.42	
		$ 43.85
Taxes Bought by Town		
R. L. Mudgett, Tax Col., July 3 Tax Sale	$715.12	
		$715.12
Interest		
National State Capital Bank, Bridge Note	$ 12.50	
National State Capital Bank, Grader Notes	121.50	
National State Capital Bank, Temporary Loan	75.00	
National State Capital Bank, Fire House Note	52.50	
		$261.50
Notes Payable		
National State Capital Bank, Bridge Note	$500.00	
National State Capital Bank, Anticipation of Taxes	10,000.00	
		$10,500.00
County Tax		
Donald G. Rainie, Treasurer	$2,226.36	
		$2,226.36

Schools		
C. Emery Morrill, Treas., Bal. 1952 Approp.	$18,945.37	
C. Emery Morrill, Treas., Bal. 1953 Approp.	5,000.00	
		$23,945.37
Total Payments		$77,364.27

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Revenue

Summer Highway Maintenance, Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Winter Highway Maintenance, Appropriation	3,000.00	
Class V Roads, Amount Used	2,312.96	
General Expense, Appropriation	2,300.00	
Town Garage Expense, Appropriation	350.00	
Over-Expended Class V	56.41	
Income from Driveway Service	296.58	
Income from Northfield Plowing Roads	75.00	
		$11,390.95

Costs

Summer Highway Maintenance	$3,206.37	
Winter Highway Maintenance	2,442.62	
Class V Road Construction	2,312.96	
Bridge Repairs	676.31	
General Highway Expense	2,408.97	
Town Garage Expense	343.72	
		$11,390.95

DETAIL OF COSTS

Summer Highway Maintenance

Labor	$2,624.80	
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Inc., Sand and Gravel	539.17	
Prison Industries, Culvert Pipe	29.40	
Valley Times, Road Signs	13.00	
		$3,206.37

Winter Highway Maintenance

Labor	$1,803.81	
Raymond Glines, Truck Hire	17.50	

William Wilson, Plowing Snow	10.00	
State of N. H., Salt and Chloride	296.09	
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Inc., Sand	203.38	
N. H. Explosives & Mach'y Co., Inc., Dynamite	6.00	
Thompson and Hoague Co., Bolts and Wire	7.71	
G. H. Giles and Co., Supplies	98.13	
		$2,442.62

Class V Road Construction

Labor	$332.75	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Culverts	192.76	
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Inc., Sand	16.58	
Tilton Construction Co., Shovel & Truck Hire	102.00	
Harold Tucker, Truck Hire	42.90	
R. E. Holmes, Truck Hire	33.00	
William Nelson, Truck Hire	4.50	
Wilfred True, Sand	11.95	
State of N. H., Road Work	272.25	
State of N. H., Asphalt	1,304.27	
		$2,312.96

Highway Department General Expense

N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., Telephone	$123.77
G. H. Giles, Tools and Supplies	25.63
Page Belting Co., Repairs and Supplies	199.54
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Gas, Oil, and Grease	865.37
N. H. Explosives & Mach'y Co., Plow Blades	71.47
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., Supplies	32.64
Davis Auto Body Shop, Snow Plow Repair	34.00
Thompson & Hoague Co., Bolts	5.44
Wilfred Carr, Light for Truck	1.45
A. G. Brown, Two Trips to Manchester	5.00
Ralph George Motor Co., Rep., Grease & Oil	241.53

Merrill and Cote, Inc., Repairs	5.10	
Geo. Greenwood, Building Drag	15.00	
Atherton Farm Equipment, Tire Repairs	3.00	
Goodyear Stores, Tire Repairs	3.75	
Foy Tire Company, Tire	46.50	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Plow & Truck Rep.	729.78	
		$2,408.97
Town Garage Expense		
Concord Electric Co., Electric Service	$50.87	
Ferns Oil Company, Fuel	247.27	
Geo. Batchelder, Plumbing Repairs	3.75	
Page Belting Co., Toilet Bowl	13.90	
Richard Robinson, Burner Repairs	22.08	
Central Supply Co., Broom	2.35	
Eric Johanson, Repairs	3.50	
		$343.72
Bridge Repairs		
Maxfield Lumber Co., Lumber	$572.64	
Bryant & Lawrence, Cement and Bolts	14.67	
Concord Gas Co., Tar	7.50	
Granite State Asphalt Co., Asphalt	73.50	
Davis Auto Body Shop, Cut Girders	8.00	
		$676.31
		$11,390.95

Detail of Highway Labor

Philip K. Stone	$1,426.30
Henry Deos	812.00
Arthur Pickard	1,429.06
Orville Fife	424.00
Albi D. Cass	90.00
Anson Morrill	406.00
C. D. Morrill	78.00
Charles Walker	16.00

Carl Sargent	8.00
Ernest Pickard	7.00
Arthur G. Brown	58.00
George D. Peverly	7.00
	$4,761.36

Allocated as Follows

Summer Highway Maintenance	$2,624.80
Winter Highway Maintenance	1,803.81
Class V Road Work	332.75
	$4,761.36

Town Road Aid

State Appropriation	$6,107 17
Town Appropriation	916.08
	$7,023.25
Expended by State	7,021.17
Unexpended Balance reverted to State	$ 2.08

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Again in 1953 the Town was fortunate in having no Town relief cases. There were, in the year however, more calls for, and requests for information concerning assistance than in some years.

Most of these were taken care of by various state agencies and the Trustees of the Elkins Fund again worked in the interests of the Town in taking care of other cases.

At the risk of being trite, the latent relief problem is again called to attention as, since the start of 1954, requests for relief of various types have hit a several years high for such a short period. It appears now, about five weeks since the close of 1953, that the Town may not be responsible for the current instances.

The sum of $100 annually in the budget for poor relief would cover little of consequence and it is hoped that nothing will occur to cost over that amount as the Town is responsible where liability is proven, whether funds are raised or not. While we are able to get along as we are, it is felt undesirable to burden the Town with additional amounts which conseivably may not be used.

In 1954 we may again be able to participate in a small surplus commodity program for a few deserving families and, if we can get this, for which we have applied, there will be handling and transportation expense as there was several years ago.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, DEC. 31, 1953

Fund No.	Date of Creation	Donor	Name of Fund	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Bal. of Inc. Begin Yr.	Income Dur. Yr.	Expended During Yr.	Bal. of Inc. End of Yr.
1A	1873	Benj. Whidden ...	Cong. Church	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	200.00	3%		$6.00	$6.00	
2A	1894	J. S. Elkins	Cong. Church	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	1,000.00	3%		30.00	30.00	
3A	1918	L. M. Elkins	Library Repair	U. S. Govt. Bonds ..	1,000.00	2½%		25.00	25.00	
4A	1918	L. M. Elkins	1st Lib. Book Fund ...	U. S. Govt. Bonds ..	4,000.00	2½%		100.00	100.00	
5A	1918	L. M. Elkins	Sick & Worthy Poor ..	U. S. Govt. Bonds ..	6,000.00			172.50		
				U. S. Govt. Bonds ..	800.00		104.27	20.00		
				B. & M. R.R. Stock.	500.00			111.10	232.35	191.75
				B. & M. R.R. Stock .	60.00					
				N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00		8.54	4.56		
				Valley Trust Co. ...	* 500.00			3.13		
					14,110.00		$112.81	472.29	393.35	191.75

* Transferred to above account.

CEMETERY FUNDS

1	1908	Betsy Kimball ...	Ham	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	200.00	3%	79.04	8.42	3.00	84.46
2	1908	P. C. Clough	T. Clough	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	3.12	1.58	.75	3.95
3	1909	M. B. Neal	Neal	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	38.83	4.15	2.00	40.98
4	1911	Emily Clough ...	A. Clough	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	200.00	3%	165.38	10.99	4.50	171.87
5	1912	F. & G. Tallant .	Tallant	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	18.31	2.06	.75	19.62
6	1915	J. C. Dearborn ..	Chase	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	19.78	2.09	.75	21.12

7	1918	L. M. Elkins	Elkins	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	200.00	3%	152.78	10.61	4.75	158.64
8	1918	L. M. Elkins	Sargent	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	200.00	3%	195.21	11.89	5.00	202.10
9	1921	H. L. Clough ...	Tallant	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	13.00	1.88	.75	14.13
10	1921	H. L. Clough ...	D. M. Clough	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	5.90	1.67	.50	7.07
11	1924	J. S. Morrill	J. S. Morrill	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	71.96	5.18	1.50	75.64
12	1926	Walter Small ...	W. P. Small	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	44.94	4.35	1.50	47.79
13	1926	A. J. Dearborn ..	A. J. Dearborn	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	11.21	1.82	7.75	5.28
14	1927	S. K. Boyce	Boyce & Swasey	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	17.39	3.51	1.50	19.40
15	1930	H. I. Paxton	Ingalls	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	13.65	1.91	.75	14.81
16	1931	C. Clough	J. F. Clough	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	200.00	3%	60.85	7.84	3.10	65.69
17	1934	C. B. Emery	Nathan Emery	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	15.75	3.47	1.50	17.72
18	1934	G. L. Wainwright	J. G. Lake	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	300.00	3%	65.06	10.97	5.00	71.03
19	1936	Orrin Randall ...	Randall	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	3.01	1.58	.75	3.84
20	1939	J. H. Morrill	J. S. Morrill	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	16.66	3.51	1.50	18.67
21	1940	Adeline Dow	F. P. Dow	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	21.28	3.67	1.00	23.95
22	1941	Jones & Morrill .	L. & C. Jones	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	75.00	3%	14.07	2.67	.75	15.99
23	1941	C. E. Morrill	C. E. Morrill	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	9.31	2.67	.75	15.99
24	1941	S. W. Lake	G. W. Lake	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	15.15	3.45	1.25	17.35
25	1942	Joseph Clough ...	Samuel Emery	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	4.11	3.13	1.25	5.99
26	1942	Joseph Clough ...	S. M. Clough	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	100.00	3%	11.85	3.35	1.25	13.95
27	1943	M. K. Morrill ...	F. & D. Morrill	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	3.63	1.61	.50	4.74
28	1943	C. T. Marsh	C. T. Marsh	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	2.38	1.58	.50	3.46
29	1943	C. Chaplain	Chaplain	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	50.00	3%	8.08	1.74	.50	9.32
30	1944	S. E. Hutchins ..	Hutchins & Others	N. H. Svgs. Bank ..	250.00	3%	24.88	8.26	4.50	28.64
31	1952	Charles Jones	Fred C. Jones	N. H. Svgs. Bank .	200.00	3%		4.52	1.94	2.58
							$1126.57	$136.13	$61.69	$1201.01

These accounts have been examined and found correct.
January 28, 1953

WALTER H. COMEE, JR.
GEORGE M. GRACE
Auditors

SAM W. LAKE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Receipts

From National State Capital Bank, Trustee	$1,494.12
Balance on hand, January 1, 1953	355.67
	$1,849.79

Disbursements

Artesian Well and Water Installation	$1,785.79	
		1,785.79
Balance on hand, December 31 ,1953		$ 64.00

CONDENSED MEMORANDUM OF THE STATUS OF THE SAM W. LAKE TRUST FOR THE YEAR 1953

Principal of Trust—January 1, 1953

Stocks	$16,854.65
Bonds	15,140.00
Savings Banks	13,795.67
Real Estate	350.00
Deposited in National State Capital Bank	308.99
	$46,449.31

INCOME for Year 1953

Interest	$ 749.26
Dividends	967.30
Sabin Guertin, Canterbury, N. H., Tax Collector, a/c refund of cost in connection with tax sale error	7.31
	$1,723.87

PAYMENTS for Year 1953

Robert L. Mudgett, Collector, town of Cantermury, N. H. taxes for 1953	$ 17.99

Jackman & Lang, Inc., trustees's bond	23.34
Lena M. Berry, income	60.00
Canterbury Center Sunday School, income	25.00
Selectmen, town of Canterbury, income	1,494.12
National State Capital Bank, Trustee, services	103.42
	$1,723.87

Principal of Trust—December 31, 1953

Stocks	$16,789.19
Bonds	15,140.00
Savings Banks	13,795.67
Real Estate	350.00
Deposited in National State Capital Bank	374.45
	$46,449.31

National State Capital Bank, Trustee.

ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees wish to supplement the annual financial report with an account of the progress and the needs of the Library.

It is the primary concern of the Trustees to improve the local library service. Elkins Public Library cannot be a storehouse of knowledge of all times, but is a well stocked and expceptionally attractive browsing rom. It uses the resources of the State Library and inter-library loan service to supplement the book stock and to enlarge the service to the patron who has special needs. This year the adult fiction sections were very carefully weeded and undesirable books were discarded.

New book purchases included additions to the collection of local history, current adult fiction and non-fiction of special merit and some of the years outstanding juvenile books. In addition, the Library bought, at greatly reduced prices, many recent best sellers. The Trustees acknowledge and thank the donors of gift books.

Circulation records have been kept and special efforts are being made to strengthen the collection of books for the high school and older children age groups. Through the P. T .A., parents have been acquainted with books available for children and the library staff wishes to emphasize its willingness to cooperate with organizations by supplying book lists ,talks, exhibits or book collections on special subjects. The Library belongs to the taxpayer. It needs borrowers as well as books; use it and regard it not strictly as an educational institution, but rather as a pleasant place that offers every person in town reading for amusement, relaxation, and inspiration.

The Library again sponsored an exhibit of Arts and Crafts on Old Home Day.

Janitor service has been obtained on a contract basis and is paid quarterly.

Miss Marian Townsend was appointed Librarian upon the resignation of Miss Louisa Jackman.

The Library is open every Saturday from two to five in the afternoon and from seven to nine in the evening.

ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	$398.43	
Receipts:		
Town Appropriation	500.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	125.00	
Refund on Books	9.75	
		$1,033.18
Payments:		
Books	$114.89	
Magazines (Subscriptions)	39.50	
Operation Expenses:		
Librarian's Salary	239.50	
Janitor Service	40.75	
Electricity	27.06	
Library Supplies	17.73	
Bank Service Charge	3.56	
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	550.19	
		$1,033.18
Valley Trust Co. Savings Account (Book Fund)		
Principal	$802.50	
Interest, 1951	15.04	
Interest, 1952	20.45	
Interest, 1953	20.95	
Total, December 31, 1953	$858.94	

Cash on hand is divided into the following:

Books and Magazines	$63.66
Repairs	233.73
Insurance	78.00
Operating	174.80
	$550.19

MARGERY JUNE RUGGLES, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

People play A Vital Part in Our Forest Fire Problems

A preview of the 1953 fire season proves the vital part people play in the never ending battle to prevent forest fires.

In this fire district there 133 fires in 26 of the district's 30 towns; 409 acres were burned over and it cost $9499.97 to extinguish them. This figure was reduced somewhat through payment of fire costs by persons responsible for illegal fires, fires which escaped from control, and fires caused by their carelessness. Costs were abnormally high this year due to protracted periods of dry weather which increased the difficulty of extinguishing fires.

Eighty-eight percent of the 133 fires were man-caused and could have been prevented. They tell a story which needs to be carefully studied. Some people were careless in disposing of smoking material and camp fires; others burned without the required warden permit—disregarding weather, forest conditions, and the normal safeguads recognized and considered by the warden in issuing permits. Other fires resulted from children playing with matches, carelessly handled fireworks, faulty railroad and truck equipment, etc.

These fires cost a lot to extinguish, most of which could have been avoided—this affects taxes; local business was interrupted by men leaving their jobs to extinguish the fires; trees that might otherwise have built houses, repaired bridges, and supplied raw materials for local industries were destroyed; seedling growth—the future timber crop was wiped out.

This picture can, however, be reversed, if people who offend could be impressed with the importance of observing

the simple but essential common sense safeguards that will prevent forest fires.They are:

1. Care in disposing of lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches in and near woodlands.
2. Care in selecting camp fire sites and completely extinguishing them.
3. Consultation with the local forest fire warden before burning to secure the required permit.

People play a vital part in our forest fire problem.

It is EVERYONE'S job to HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Number of local fires	0
Number of acres burned	0
Number of permits issued	68

CHARLES GILMAN, *Forest Fire Warden*
THOMAS J. KING, *District Fire Chief*

REPORT OF CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The department is pleased to report that no major fires occurred during the year, although numerous calls were responded to.

The fire trucks have been moved into the new station and keys made for members. Access to the building is available in case of fire by using a key in an emergency box on the outside.

The Concord truck has become a liability to the department so it is being stripped down and disposed of.

With an eye to the future your fire department is trying to improve its service to the community, and calls attention to the citizens, the importance of watching for and removing fire hazards in and around the home.

ALBI D. CASS,
Fire Chief.

CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	$335.62
Balance of 1952 Forest Fire Appropriation	157.25
1953 Town Appropriation	500.00
Balance of 1953 Forest Fire Appropriation	195.60
Dues	43.00
Andrew Fowler, Change for $25.00 Check	13.42
C. V. F. D. Auxiliary, Three-Way Valve	75.00
Services and Donations	16.00
Old Home Day Booth	10.00
Dances	490.76
	$1,836.65

Payments

G. H. Giles and Co., Supplies	$ 97.51
Henry T. Provost, Dues	43.00
Jackman and Lang, Inc., Insurance	147.60
Concord Electric Co.	28.16
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	128.81
Ken Taylor, Bond	5.00
Arthur Buchanan, Insurance	166.27
R. G. Crowell, Insurance	91.50
Albi Cass, Battery Charger	16.64
Andrew Fowler, Ladies Night	25.00
A. S. Tracy	2.00
Bank Service Charge	3.47
Keeler's Machine Shop, Supplies	108.22
Edson C. Eastman, Inc.	3.02
Justin A. McCarthy Co.	243.20
Halprin Supply Co.	95.00

Monitor-Patriot	6.30
Eva Schmidt	5.00
Jones' Express	11.60
Sanel Auto Parts	20.14
Samuel Eastman	19.65
Merrill and Cote, Inc.	39.85
Ferns Oil Co., Inc.	33.59
Prescott Oil Co.	14.50
	$1,355.03
Cash on hand, December 31, 1953	481.62
	$1,836.65

ROBERT V. LEE, *Treasurer.*

CIVIL DEFENSE

Our organization for the civilian defense of Canterbury is on a stand-by basis, as it is on the national and state levels.

For each of the functions of civil defense, as set up nation-wide, we have selected a chairman, who, in a case of emergency, would be responsible for building an organization to meet the need. The Ground Observer unit of our organization continues on an active basis, as well as we are able to function with the limited number of volunteers who contribute their time.

The Air Raid Warning network for New Hampshire is complete, and these warnings come to us by way of the red fire phones which deliver incoming calls only to three phones located in the center. These warning calls are of three types — a White Alert for testing the warning network, and as "all clear" for other alerts. A Yellow Alert is the signal for a possible attack, which is the warning to activate the civilian defense organization, and a Red Alert which warns of immediate danger calls for activation of the civil defense set-up and notification of the population. Red Alerts will be sounded on our siren whether they are test runs or actual warnings.

Civil Defense is just as necessary as our police and fire departments in the preservation of our town. The government is financially unable to underwrite the total cost of civil defense, and, therefore, if we are to have civil defense, it is the responsibility of the citizens of this town to volunteer their services.

For about three years now, our post has been manned twelve and twenty-four hours a day, but this summer personnel has dropped off considerably. As all citizens should become acquainted with civil defense techniques in order to protect their town and to survive in the event of attack, it is our intention to enlist more volunteers.

Any persons wishing to volunteer, please call the local civil defense director or her assistant.

Director: Marguerite Stone—Phone 2426
Assistant Director: Madeleine Guertin—Phone 2643
Administration: Robert L. Mudgett
Warning and Communication: Robert V. Byron
Refugee: Ralph W. Keeler, Jr.
Fire: Albi D. Cass
Police and Warden: William J. Cochrane
Engineering: Philip K. Stone
Recue and Evacuation: George A. Batchelder
Transportation: Walter H. Comee, Jr.
Medical and Nursing: Margery J. Ruggles
Ground Observer: Eunice J. Wilkins

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Canterbury

1953

Town funds expended	$ 356.80	
Cooperative funds expended	766.05	
Total expended		$1,122.85
Received from town	400.00	
Expended from town funds	356.80	
Balance due town		43.20
Area covered		5,145 acres
Currant & gooseberry bushes destroyed		86,24

BUILDING REGULATIONS

(1) **Building Inspector or Official —**

There shall be a Building Inspector appointed by the Selectmen and this person shall hold office for a term of one year.

(2) **Permit —**

No building intended for human occupancy may be erected, and no alterations of such structures at an estimated cost of more than $200.00 undertaken, until a permit has been issued under the terms of these regulations.

Repairs and maintenance of buildings, except to roofs, are specifically exempt from these regulations.

The fee for a permit shall be $5.00 for new construction, and $2.00 for alterations. Such fees are to be paid to the Building Inspector and shall be retained by him as compensation for his services.

(3) **Code —**

All buildings requiring a permit shall comply with the following code:

(a) No roof of any building shall be covered or recovered in whole or in part, save with non-combustible or fire resistant roofing materials.

(a) Buildings shall set upon a substantial foundation of concrete, brick, stone or other acceptable material.

(c) Outside walls shall be constructed of substantial materials, commonly used for outside construction, and materials customarily painted shall be painted.

(d) Chimneys shall extend at least three (3) feet above the highest point where it passes through the roof, and at least two (2) feet higher than any ridge within ten (10) feet of such chimney. Each chimney shall have a standard fire-clay tile lining, or a prefabricated chimney approved by the New

Hampshire Board of Fire Underwriters may be used.

(e) Sewerage disposal systems shall comply with the recommendations of the State Board of Health.

(4) **Permit Void —**

A building permit shall become void unless operations are commenced within one (1) year from date of approval, unless such time is extended by the Building Inspector.

(5) **Penalties —**

Any person violating any of the provisions of these regulations shall be notified of such violation by the Building Inspector, and if the violation is not corrected within 30 days, thereafter shall be fined an amount not to exceed twenty dollars. The imposition of one penalty for any violation of these regulations shall not excuse the violation, or permit it to continue; each day that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

(6) **Appeal —**

If the Building Inspector shall refuse to issue a permit as aforesaid, any person aggrieved thereby may appeal to the Selectmen, who shall serve as a Board of Appeal, and who shall have the authority to make such exceptions to these regulations as justice may require.

(7) **Validity —**

If any section, clause, provision, portion, or phrase of these regulations shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent authority, such holding shall not effect, impair or invalidate any other section, clause, provision, portion or phrase of these regulations.

FROM YOUR SELECTMEN

TO: TAXPAYERS OF CANTERBURY

Your 1953 Town Report is the record of what has been done in Canterbury during the year just passed and what is proposed for the current year. As a financial record it is important to you since it is your money which is involved and fo this reason we want to point out a few things which we believe merit more than your casual attention.

Three items of town business during 1953 deserve mention. First is that an artesian well was dug on Sam Lake property and paid for out of this trust to furnish a permanent water suppy for our town buildings. Second we know the grader purchased during the year has proven its worth to the town as a long range investment; through its use we are able to deliver more and better value for the same amount of money expended on highway work. Thirdly we have discovered that the Planning Committee you created a year ago can be a useful and valuable aid to your Selectmen in the long range and often complicated study of community problems. These accomplishments of the past year in our mind reperesent progress in the right direction.

At your Town Meeting this year you will consider the budget for 1954 as prepared by your Selectmen and your Budget Committee. We believe this budget represents minimum operating requirements. Your warrant will suggest special appropriations for several projects all of which are worthy and needed but each will require your careful consideration since the decisions you make will have a direct effect on the tax you will pay. Most articles of the warrant are self-explanatory but the item concerning an appropriation for a new bridge on Baptist Road is there because the State Highway authorities have requested an authorization for

their half share of the cost of this proposed construction. As Selectmen we feel the town should raise its share of this cost now since this bridge is the last one on state highways in Canterbury which must be re-built. After this bridge job is done the State will share half the cost of future bridge construction on town roads. Because several of our bridges will need attention in the near future and at least one may be quite costly we feel it is good business for the town to make the appropriation at this time.

As Selectmen we favor the adoption of building regulations as proposed because we know of no other means within the law by which control of the town's future development can be placed where it belongs — in the hands of the taxpayers who will pay the bills.

Your Selectmen

ARTHUR G. BROWN
NORMAN A. BROWN
CARL A. THUNBERG

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

We have examined the records of Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, Road Agent, Elkins Public Library, Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department and Selectmen, for the year ended December 31, 1953, and have found their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

WALTER H. COMEE, JR.,
GEORGE M. GRACE,
Town Auditors.

INSURANCE IN FORCE

	Amount	Property	Expiration
Travelers' Insurance Co.	10/20	Mfg. & Contract Liability	Jan. 31, 1954
Travelers' Insurance Co.	Schedule	Workmen's Compensation	Jan. 31, 1954
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$3,000.00	Town Hall Fire Ins.	Mar. 24, 1956
Merchants Mutual Cas. Co.	5/10	Town Hall Liability	
		S. Lake Liability	May 2, 1954
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	10,000.00	Town Garage Fire	Dec. 31, 1956
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	10,000.00	Highway Equip. Floater	Aug. 28, 1954
National Grange Mutual Lia.	25/50	Ford Truck. Lia.	Nov. 28, 1954
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	1,000.00	Pickard House	Oct. 30, 1954
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	500.00	Civil Defense Building	June 6, 1954
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	1,000.00	Sam Lake Buildings	Oct. 4, 1956
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	2,000.00	Sam Lake Buildings	July 28, 1954
Middlesex Mut. F. I. Co.	700.00	Sam Lake Buildings	Aug. 11, 1955
Middlesex Mut. F. I. Co.	1,400.00	Sam Lake Buildings	July 28, 1954
Middlesex Mut. F. I. Co.	800.00	Sam Lake Buildings	Dec. 28, 1954
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	5,000.00	Schools—Fire	Sept. 10, 1954
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	5,000.00	Schools—Fire	July 1, 1956
Travelers' Insurance Co.	10,000.00	Schools—Liability	Nov. 1954
Mass. Bonding & Ins. Co.	1,000.00	Firemen's Accident Ins.	May 12, 1954
Merchants Mut. Cas. Co.	20/40	Fire Dept. Concord Trk. Lia.	Jan. 31, 1954
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	1,000.00	Fire Dept. Equip. Floater	Sept. 2, 1954
Merchants Mut. Cas. Co.	20/40	Fire Dept. Tank Trk. Lia.	Sept. 8. 1954
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	6,000.00	Fire House	Oct. 7, 1954
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	2,250.00	Fire Dept. Chev. Trk.	Nov. 3, 1954
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	1,150.00	Fire Dept. Equip. Floater	Nov. 20, 1954
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	1,000.00	Fire Dept. Equip. Floater	Nov. 29, 1954
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	1,250.00	Fire Dept. Concord Truck	Dec. 14, 1954
Merchants Mut. Cas. Co.	20/40	Fire Dept. Chev. Trk. Lia.	Jan. 31, 1955
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	12,000.00	Grader Floater	Apr. 9, 1956
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	14,000.00	Library Building & Contents	Sept. 4, 1955
Nat. Grange Mut. Lia. Co.	5/10	Library Liability	Nov. 30, 1954

REORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Officers of the School District

MODERATOR

CARL A. THUNBERG

CLERK

ERVIN A. COGSWELL

TREASURER

CHARLES EMERY MORRILL

AUDITORS

ELBERT R. FARRAR

JOHN MALCOLM

SCHOOL BOARD

PAUL L. SCRIPTURE	Term expires 1954
WALTER COMEE	Term expires 1955
LUCILLE A. KEELER	Term expires 1956

SCHOOL NURSE

HARRIET D. STONE
Tilton, N. H.
Telephone Tilton 207

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

GORDON L. FOX, Tilton, N. H.
Telephone Tilton 207

Regular meeting, School Board, Second Thursday of the Month
Center School, 7:30 p. m.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Merrimack, ss.

To the Inhabitants of the Canterbury School District qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the sixth day of March 1954, at six o'clock in the afternoon, with the moderator opening the meeting, declaring the polls open for voting from six o'clock to nine o'clock for school district officials, and declaring the business section of the meeting open at seven-thirty o'clock for action on Articles 5 to 12 inclusive.

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear tht reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue

and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To hear and take action on the detailed report of the Special School Study Committee as authorized at the 1953 annual school district meeting.

10. To see if the district will authorize the Special School Study Committee to continue its work for another year, and to hear its report at the next annual school district meeting or at a special school meeting called for this purpose.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not in excess of three thousand dollars $3,000.00) and authorize the school board to issue, in the name of and on the credit of the district, notes for all or any portion of the sum so raised or appropriated, fix the interest rate and provide for the sale of each note, and fix the time and place of payment of the pincipal and the interest of said notes, and to take any other action relating thereto, for the purchase and installation of modern heating equipment in the Blanchard, Center, Carter, Kezer, and Uplands Schools; with payment to be made annually from Classification 11. Salaries of Janitors of the school district budget, thereby not increasing the school budget for said purchase and installation of said equipment, until said notes are paid in full.

12. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Canterbury this second day of February 1954.

PAUL N. SCRIPTURE,
WALTER COMEE,
LUCILLE KEELER,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant, Attest:

PAUL N. SCRIPTURE,
WALTER COMEE,
LUCILLE KEELER,
School Board.

	CANTERBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT	Proposed Budget 1954-55	Budget 1953-54	Expended to Feb. 1, 1954 1953-54	Estimated Expenditures to June 30, 1954
1.	Salaries of District Officers	$ 229.00	204.00	204.00	204.00
2.	Supt's Salary (local share)	304.30	281.40	140.70	281.40
3.	Tax for state-wide supervision	338.00	294.00	294.00	294.00
4.	Salaries other adm. personnel	365.00	351.70	163.35	351.70
5.	Supplies and expenses	160.00	160.00	114.46	160.00
6.	Teachers Salaries	15,269.20	13,600.00	6,565.19	14,132.40
7.	Books and other inst aids	500.00	500.00	171.98	282.60
8.	Scholars' supplies	500.00	500.00	569.70	575.00
10.	Instructional Supplies	150.00	150.00	114.96	160.00
11.	Salaries of Janitors	700.00	700.00	277.50	650.50
12.	Fuel or heat	500.00	500.00	249.75	450.00
13.	Water, light, operational	325.00	260.00	287.60	387.60
14.	Repairs and Replacements	500.00	500.00	140.25	200.00
15.	Health Supervision	25.00	25.00	5.46	25.00
16.	Transportation	4,581.50	3,500.00	1,599.01	3,455.62
17.	Tuition	11,950.00	10,600.00	2,486.90	10,600.00
18.	Special Activities	.....	.....	.....	.....
19.	Teachers Retirement	1,095.37	905.82	248.39	905.82
20.	Insurance, treas. bond	185.50	94.50	57.50	94.50
	Contingency Fund—Kezer Rent	75.00	75.00	.....	75.00
23.	New Equipment	300.00	300.00	5.03	210.00
		$38,052.87	33,501.42	13,695.73	33,495.14

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

			Received to Feb. 1, 1954	Estimated Receipts to June 30, 1954
Cash on hand July 1, 1953			*269.96	*269.96
State Aid	8,000.00	5,248.03	8,624.17	8,624.17
District Assessment	30,052.87	28,253.39	8,000.00	24,877.25
	$38,052.87	33,501.42	16,894.13	*33,731.38

*$248.03 of this amount must be retained to apply on 1954-55 Assessment

FINANCIAL REPORT
CANTERBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Receipts

Cash on hand July 1, 1952	$ 8.98	
Current Appropriation	23,693.59	
Advance on 1954-55 Appropriation	251.78	
Sale of Supplies	2.50	
State Aid	5,248.03	
Total Receipts		$29,204.88

Payments

Administration

1.	**Salaries of District Officers:**		
	Walter Comee	50.00	
	Elbert Farrar	2.00	
	Charles Gilman	50.00	
	John Malcolm	2.00	
	C. Emery Morrill	50.00	
	Paul Scripture	50.00	
	Total		204.00
*2.	**Superintendent's Salary:**		
	Treasurer Supervisory Union		273.00
3.	**Tax for State Wide Supervision:**		
	State Treasurer		286.00
4.	**Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:**		
	Treasurer Supervisory Union		322.44

5. Supplies and Expenses:

J. L. Hammett	10.58	
Hazen Printing Co.	5.50	
Milton Bradley Co.	6.00	

*Total salary of superintendent was $6475.00. School Districts paid:

Tilton-Northfield	$1898.40	Gilmanton	$441.00
Gilford	802.20	Canterbury	273.00
Belmont	785.40	State of New Hampshire paid $2275.00	

N. H. School Board Assoc.	5.00	
Paul Scripture	25.00	
Frances Smith	1.50	
Treasurer Supervisory Union	102.37	
Emile Vassamillet	4.80	
Total		167.16

Instruction

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:
Total 13,022.74

7. Books and other Instructional Aids:

Beckley Cardy Co.	39.64	
Doubleday & Co.	31.00	
Ginn & Co.	58.73	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	37.81	
C. E. Merrill Co.	5.04	
Row, Peterson & Co.	11.82	
Charles Scribner's Sons	101.58	
Silver Burdett Co.	3.09	
Webster Publishing Co.	1.08	
Total		289.79

8. Scholars Supplies: 701.05

9. Salaries of Clerical Assistants 0.00

10. Supplies and Other Expenses 52.16

Operation of School Plant

11. Salaries of Janitors:

Grace K. Atwood	110.00

Marion Crowley	8.00	
Allen Drew	110.00	
M. Evelyn Harris	8.00	
Chester Lamprey	8.00	
Katherine Morrill	13.00	
Paul Scripture	16.00	
Frances Smith	22.00	
Gladys Walker	138.00	
Charles Walles	94.70	
Ralph Witham	119.00	
Total		646.70

12. **Fuel**

Arthur Brown, Jr.	4.50	
Concord Lumber Co.	32.50	
David L. Curtis	100.00	
Harold L. Eastman	48.00	
Andrew J. Fowler	10.00	
Charles Gilman	80.00	
Raymond Glines	33.00	
Arthur E. Pickard	5.00	
Tilton Coal & Supply Co.	54.00	
Total		367.00

13. **Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:**

Bryant & Lawrence	6.51	
Concord Electric Co.	68.50	
G. H. Giles & Co.	26.24	
George N. Greenwood	45.00	
Milton Bradley Co.	58.22	
Public Service Co. of N .H.	108.20	
Reliable Paper & Supply Co.	3.22	
C. M. Rice Paper Co.	166.60	
C. P. Stevens Hardware Co.	12.50	
Waxine Co.	4.35	
Total		499.34

Maintenance of School Plant

14. **Repairs and Replacements:**

George A. Batchelder	47.10
Donald Booth	58.02
Concord Supply Co.	.53

Arthur L. Copp	1.50	
Eisenhaur's Hardware	.69	
J. L. Hammett Co.	4.12	
Paul Hanson	67.35	
Ralph W. Keeler, Jr.	4.60	
Ranaldo Landry	72.00	
Merrimack Farmers	78.44	
June Rand	4.45	
Paul Scripture	5.00	
Sears, Roebuck Co.	2.20	
Staple Sewer Service	30.00	
Total		376.00

Auxiliary Activities

15.	**Health Supervision**		
	Herrick Drug Co.	3.22	3.22
16.	**Transportation:**		
	Donald Booth	1,040.80	
	Joseph Doubleday	1,256.93	
	Charles Gilman	350.96	
	M. Evelyn Harris	21.12	
	Raymond Preve	1,188.03	
	Total		3,857.84
17.	**Tuition:**		
	Belmont School District	225.00	
	Concord School District	2,875.72	
	Loudon School District	164.50	
	Manchester School District	275.00	
	Penacook School District	2,608.07	
	Tilton-Northfield School District	987.50	
	Total		7,135.79
18.	**Special Activities and Special Funds:**		0.00

Fixed Charges

19.	**Retirement:**	
	Teachers Retirement Board	571.19

20.	**Insurance:**		
	Arthur Buchanan	108.00	
	Gale's Insurance Agency	51.50	
	Total		159.50

Capital Outlay

21.	**Lands and New Buildings:**	0.00
22.	**Additions and Improvement to Buildings:**	0.00
23.	**New Equipment:**	0.00
	Total Payments	28,934.92
	Balance on hand June 30, 1953	269.96
	Grand total	29,204.88

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL SCRIPTURE
WALTER COMEE
LUCILLE A. KEELER
School Board,

CHARLES EMERY MORRILL
School District Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Canterbury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.
September 10, 1953

JOHN C. MALCOLM,
ELBERT R. FARRAR,
Auditors

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Members of the School Board, Parents and Voters:

The members of the Canterbury School Board and a group of interested citizens saved the taxpayers a large sum of money by personally working at the local schools on a painting and redecorating project that greatly improved the lighting, appearance and morale of the Center, Kezer, Uplands, and Carter Schools. This was a community example of economically improving the educational atmosphere and opportunity for youth.

Tuition rates for all high schools continue to increase with the 1954-55 announced rates as follows:

Concord High	$ 325
Penacook High	290
Tilton-Northfield High	275
Belmont High	275

Tuition rates comprise slightly over thirty per cent of the school budget.

Teachers' salaries are inceasing all over the nation because of the acute shortage of elementary teachers. It is very difficult to secure teachers for a rural school with several grades. Canterbury has been fortunate in securing an excellent teaching staff. It will be necessary to increase salaries to retain teachers and to secure new teachers for vacancies. The graduates of the state teachers' colleges cannot fill all the vacancies of communities where a teacher supervises a singe grade. Over forty percent of the Canterbury School District Budget goes into teachers' salaries.

Transportation costs represent another large item in school budgets. Canterbury transportation totals almost 10% of the

budget and is much lower than many communities The School Board has held many meetings to study possibilities of changing routes to reduce cost, but always keeping in mind the safety of small children.

The local schools must be used for many years, since it is financially impossible for Canterbury to consider new schools without a terrific increase of taxable real estate or new industry. It is probable that the expansion of Concord will lead to more building of homes in Canterbury. This also means more children to educate with high school tuition costs probably expanding to four hundred dollars a year within a few years.

Canterbury should study all possibilities of gradually improving the physical plant of each school. The addition of a reguar standard heating system in all schools is very desirable for cleanliness and a health safety measure. Modern toilets could be added gradually with the addition of new heating systems, and the old outmoded toilet facilities abandoned.

The desirable future for Canterbury schools would probably be a consolidation with several towns for a centralized high school for junior and senior high pupils, and a local consolidated school for six grades. It is possible that federal funds may be made available in time to cover the costs of such construction.

Canterbury for the present must proceed with what it has, for the town is furnishing the best education it can now finance. Annual improvements will continually improve the situation.

The 1953 graduation exercises were held in the Town Hall on June 11 at 8 p. m. with the following pupils graduating:

David Lincoln Abberton
Robert Stanley Baker
Joyce Florence Brooks
Barbara June Gould
Beulah Louise Haskell
Carol Ann Lamprey

Francis Frank Dow	Philip Kilbourne Stone
Allan H. Drew	Debra Leona Thunberg
Clarisse B. Fife	Pearl Elaine Walker

TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR 1954-1955 SCHOOL YEAR
SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 59
Belmont Canterbury Gilford Gilmanton Tilton-Northfield

Schools open Wednesday, September 8, 1954

Holiday, Tuesday, October 12, Columbus Day Observance

State Teachers' Convention, Manchester, N. H. October 14 and 15

Holiday, Thursday, November 11, Armistice Day

Thanksgiving Vacation—Schools close Wednesday, November 24, 12:05 Noon

Schools Reopen Monday, November 29

Christmas Vacation—Schools Close Thursday, December 23, 12:05 Noon

Schools Reopen Monday, January 3, 1955

Winter Vacation—Schools Close February 18

Schools Reopen Monday, February 28

Spring Vacation—School Close Friday, April 22

Schools Reopen—Monday, May 2

Schools Close June 17, 1955, or earlier or later date to make a total of 180 days

Subject to change by Local School Boards

This Calendar included in vacation periods:

Labor Day, September 6, 1954
Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1954
Christmas Day, December 25, 1954
New Year's Day, January 1, 1955
Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1955
Fast Day, April 24, 1955
Memorial Day, May 30, 1955

Canterbury Teachers

Blanchard—Mrs. M. Evelyn Harris
Carter—Mrs. Edith Croteau
Center—Mrs. Grace K. Atwood
Kezer—Mrs. Frances Smith
Uplands—Mrs. Sarah Hill

Enrollments by Schools, Jan. 15, 1954

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Blanchard	4	1	0	4	0	4	0	2	15
Carter	-	-	1	8	6	4	3	6	28
Center	14	15	5	-	-	-	-	-	34
Kezer	-	-	-	3	3	4	3	2	15
Uplands	6	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	19
Totals	24	22	13	15	9	12	6	10	111

Transporters

Mr. Raymond Preve	$6.55 daily
Mr. Donald Booth	4.98 daily
Mr. Joseph Doubleday	5.96 daily

Tuition Pupils and Annual Rates
1953-54 Year

Belmont School District—
High School Tuition Rate $225 for 1953-54

Finley, Norma	Grade X
Walker, Pearl	IX

Concord Union School District—
High School Tuition Rate $325 for 1953-54

Baker, Robert S.	Grade IX
Geiger, Sigrid C.	X
Gould, Barbara J.	IX
Munn, Avery	XI
Rancour, Brenda	X
Schmidt, Edward	XI
Thunberg, Debra K.	IX
Wells, Esther L.	XI

Loudon School District—
Elementary Tuition Rate $135 for 1953-54

Burtt, Sherry A.	Grade I
Burtt, Charotte	II
Burtt, Sandra	V

Penacook School District—
High School Tuition Rate $275 for 1953-54

Blanchard, Alan	Grade XI
Brooks, Janice	X
Brooks, Joyce	IX
Drew, Allen	IX
Drew, Frank	X
Drew, Stanley	X
Ferrin, Dawn	XII
Fife, Nancy	XII
Guertin, Patricia	X
Himes, Paul	XII
Lamprey, Carol	IX
Preve, Patricia	X
Raymond, Kay	IX
Sargent, Elsie	XII
Stevens, Elizabeth	X
Stone, Philip	IX
Wheeler, Joan	X

St. John's High School—Concord Private

Batchelder, William	XII
Batchelder, Susan	XI
Abberton, David L.	IX

Tilton-Northfield School District
High School Tuition Rate $225 for 1953-54

Noyes, Phyllis	XII
Noyes, Winnie Mae	X
Peter Scripture	IX
Walles, Charles	X
Elementary—Private	
Johanson, Philip	VI

The acute problem in 1954-55 will be the disposition of pupils who normally attend the Center and Carter Schools. It will be necessary to transfer some of these pupils to the Blanchard School for lack of space in their normal-attendance area.

The Canterbury School Board has been very active in the interests of schools. The members have faithfully attended many meetings. They have spent a great deal of time in visiting and inspecting schools. They have consumed far more personal time in actual physical work as well as conference work for school improvement than a community has a right to expect. They have personally checked to keep the schools in good repair, warm and comfortable.

I appreciate the cooperation of the Parent-Teacher Association. The work of the members was indispensable in making the pre-school clinic of first grade pupils successful. The organization is always ready to help in improving schools, working in cooperation with the School Board and the teachers.

I appreciate the cooperation of the members of the Canterbury School Board during the past year to give Canterbury children the best education with the funds available. It has been a pleasure to work with your School Board for they are genuinely interested in the schools and the children

Your five teachers are doing wonderful work with the children and your children are being well-prepared for high school and for life.

We look forward with your cooperation to continually-improving schools for Canterbury, a community that has successfully met every problem from colonial days through the years of its colorful history.

Cordially yours,

GORDON L. FOX

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Canterbury, for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex	Liv'g or stillb'n	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Aug. 4	Concord	Audette, Linda L.	F	L		W	Audette, Robt. L.	Huckins, Madeline	All White	Canterbury	Laborer	Penacook	New Hampshire
July 16	Concord	Brown, Linda J.	F	L		W	Brown, Arthur G.	Moore, Jean E.		Canterbury	Mail Carrier	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
June 8	Lawrence, Mass.	Booth, Jonathan W.	M	L		W	Booth, Donald W.	Pitkin, Louise G.		Canterbury	Carpenter	Canada	Epping
Aug. 26	Franklin	Chapman, Gary M.	M	L		W	Chapman, Elwin H.	Snapp, Barbara J.		Canterbury	Farmer	New Hampshire	New York
Apr. 27	Concord	Dennison, Gary R.	M	L		W	Dennison, Richard	Horne, Elizabeth A.		Canterbury	Mechanic	Concord	Concord
Feb. 27	Concord	Deary, Fern M.	F	L		W	Deary, Raymond E.	Jennings, Helen J.		Canterbury	Farm hand	Concord	Fairfield, Conn.
Aug. 5	Concord	Edwards, James A.	M	L		W	Edwards, Frank R.	Demo, Edna R.		Canterbury	Retired	Vermont	Marrena, N. Y.
June 27	Concord	Eldridge, Audrey L.	F	L		W	Eldridge, Frank C.	Craft, Janice B.		Canterbury	Social Worker	Boston, Mass.	Sangerville, Me.
Sept. 21	Concord	Frew, Jerome E.	M	L		W	Frew, Arthur Jr.	Hosmer, Elizabeth		Canterbury	Elevator Opr.	Rhode Island	New Hampshire
Feb. 25	Concord	Fifield, Ann J.	F	L		W	Fifield, Oliver R.	Fife, Mary E.		Canterbury	Teacher	Penacook	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 30	Concord	Flanders, Debra M.	F	L		W	Flanders, Herman	Charlton, Lois M.		Canterbury	Laborer	Warner	Mass.
July 21	Franklin	Harbour, Debra A.	F	L		W	Harbour, Harold P.	Middleton, Beverly		Canterbury	Tannery wkr.	New Hampshire	Conn.
Apr. 13	Concord	Hammett, Doreen A.	F	L		W	Hammett, Chas. R.	Dickerson, Alta M.		Canterbury	Auto Mechanic	Canterbury	Hill
Feb. 11	Laconia	Hildreth, Joel H.	M	L		W	Hildreth, Lucian S.	Nelson, Ellen F.		Canterbury	Farmer	New Hampshire	Mass.
Sept. 8	Concord	Lamprey, Susan E.	F	L		W	Lamprey, Harry N.	Dickerson, Mary E.		Canterbury	Trackman	Canterbury	Concord
June 7	Concord	Malcolm, Beth K.	F	L		W	Malcolm, John C.	Pearson, Jean E.		Canterbury	Office Manager	Boston, Mass.	New York City
Apr. 30	Concord	Robinson, Judith A.	F	L		W	Robinson, Richard	Willey, June B.		Canterbury	Electrician	Concord	Hebron
Oct. 2	Concord	West, Nancy J.	F	L		W	West, Walter A.	Ricker, Racheal		Canterbury	Farmer	Meriden	Taftsville

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SABIN N. GUERTIN, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Canterbury, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence & Official Stations of Persons by whom married
Nov. 28	Franklin	LaBranche, Lionel	Franklin	29	W	Clerk	New Hampshire	Alcide LaBranche	New Hampshire		2	Robert T. Hoyt Justice of Peace Franklin
								Marie Lacuger	Canada			
		Finley, Dorothy M.	Canterbury	23	W	Bookkeeper	New Hampshire	Edward O. Finley	New Hampshire		1	
								Elizabeth A. Wareing	England			
May 14	Canterbury	Tasker, Everett H.	Canterbury	37	W	Rep. Blue Cross	Mass.	Everett Tasker	Massachusetts		1	J. Lincoln Thomas Minister of Gospel Boscawen
								Mary E. Chase	Massachusetts			
		Thompson, Virginia	Canterbury	35	W	Reg. Nurse	New Hampshire	Wm. A. Thompson	New Hampshire		1	
								Lina Emmons	New Hampshire			
Apr. 6	Canterbury	Vogel, Albert A.	Canterbury	71	W	Retired	France	Albert Vogel	Germany		2	J. Lincoln Thomas Minister of Gospel Boscawen
								Minnie Cresta	Germany			
		Shaw, Alice B.	Canterbury	67	W	At home	Mass.	Fred L. Chase	Massachusetts		3	
								Georgia Pettigrove	Maine			

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SABIN N. GUERTIN, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Canterbury, for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex & Cond.			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Sex	Color	Single, Mar. Wid		Father	Mother		
Aug. 2	Canterbury	Frank J. Cerveny	61	10	29	New York City	M	W	M	Fin. Mgr.			Frank Cerveney	Mary Dvorale
Oct. 1	Canterbury	Frank R. Edwards	52			Waterville, Vt.	M	W	M	Sawyer, N.E. Box			Leon Edwards	Not given
Jan. 28	Canterbury	Margaret B. Graham	70			Taylorsville, Ill.	F	W	M	At home			William Brownell	Elizabeth Smith
Nov. 8	Canterbury	David M. Hill	61			Bellows F'ls, Vt.	M	W	M	Poultry farmer			William P. Hill	Ellen M. Creighton
Apr. 6	Canterbury	Sterling A. Hirtle	80			Hemsford, N. S.	M	W	M	Retired farmer			George Hirtle	Unknown
July 7	Canterbury	Louis D. Morrill	83			Canterbury	M	W	M	Farmer			George P. Morrill	Abbie P. Emery

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SABIN N. GUERTIN, *Town Clerk.*

IN CASE OF FIRE
TELEPHONE
CANTERBURY 2771

This number calls the "Red Telephones" a conference hook-up of 3 special lines in the Center. These telephones are so constructed that no outgoing calls can be made from them; therefore the line is never busy.

Call this number *only* to report a fire. Give your name, the exact location of the fire, and describe the fire carefully. Operators at the Center will call all necessary hep. If outside help is needed, the proper equipment will be sent from the Department nearest the fire.

Don't hesitate to call us for any fire, or threat of fire, no matter how small. If you have a flooded oil burner, or a chimney fire, or a short circuit, don't wait to see what it's going to do. Just call Canterbury 2771. We're at your service day or night.

Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department